

REMARKS

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, Applicants respectfully request consideration of this amendment and the remarks made herein. The title of the instant application has been amended to correct grammatical errors and bring greater clarity to the invention. Claims 1-5, 17-23, and 29-30 have been cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future divisional or continuation application. Claims 6-16, 24-28 and 31-32 have been amended to more closely conform to US patent practice and to particularly point out and describe the object of the instant invention. New Claims 33-42 have been added. Support for the new claims may be found on pp. 71-76 of the instant specification. Applicants assert that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments of the existing claims or by the addition of the new claims.

Applicants believe that a fee of \$410.00 is due for a two-month extension of time through August 21, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). Should any additional fees be required in connection with this response, or should any overpayment be made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and required fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account Number 02-4377. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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